*Restoration of irrigation tanks in the Neyyattinkara taluk.*

149. ✻**MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount, if any, spent for the restoration of irrigation tanks, in the Neyyattinkara taluk, for the last three years?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*):

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| 1107 | ... | Rs. 17,613 |
| 1108 | ... | Rs. 6,287 |
| 1109 | ... | Rs. 5,063 |

**MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know the allotments for irrigation works in the P. W. D. Budget for these three years?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*): The information is not now available.

**MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): Has the provision been increasing or decreasing?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say now.

**MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vilavankod*): May I know why there is an appreciable reduction in the amounts spent for minor irrigation works, after the formation of a separate Irrigation Division?

**PRESIDENT**: The honurable member has not asked when such separate Irrigation Division was formed.

**MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vilavankod*): That a separate Irrigation Division was formed in 1109 is a well-known fact.

**PRESIDENT**: Ask the Government member whether he knows it.

**MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vilavankod*) Are the Government aware that a separate Irrigation Division was formed in 1109?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

**MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vilavankod*): May I know why, after the formation of such Irrigation Division, there has been an appreciable reduction in the amounts spent for the restoration of tanks in the Neyyattinkara taluk?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware of any appreciable reduction. Anyhow, I claim notice.

**PRESIDENT**: The figures speak for themselves.

**MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the headquarters of the Irrigation Sub-Division Officer is still at Neyyattinkara?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*): I do not think so.

**MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vilavankod*): May I know why the headquarters of the Irrigation Sub-Division Officer was shifted from Neyyattinkara to Quilon?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*): For departmental convenience. (*Louder, please.*)

**PRESIDENT**: Let the House hear what you say, Mr. Thommen; I do not know if your neighbour is able to hear you.



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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The headquarters was shifted for departmental convenience.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I ask whether the irrigation needs of the taluk will not be better served if the headquarters are at Neyyattinkara rather than at Quilon?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government do not think so.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the number of tanks for the restoration of which the amounts given in the answer were spent in the respective years?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the number of tanks has decreased during these years?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know the northernmost limit and the southernmost limit of the Quilon Irrigation Sub-Division?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): So far as I know, the Sub-Division includes the Neyyattinkara taluk.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): That I know. My point is that Quilon is not suited to be the headquarters of the Sub-Division. The southern taluks are now suffering. That is why I want to know the northernmost and the southernmost limits of the Sub-Division.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information

MR. K MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): May I know the number of tanks yet to be repaired in the Neyyattinkara taluk?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

PRESIDENT: I do not very much relish Government members recklessly answering 'No information.' Non-official members who put questions are entitled to answers if information is available. If, in some cases, information is not immediately available, then the better course for the official member will be to ask for notice. Simply saying 'No information', 'No information', is not really very courteous to the non-official members. (*Cries of Hear, hear.*)

*Tirupuram-Nalukettu Road.*

150. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the P. W. D. have received petitions from the inhabitants of Karumkulam and Tirupuram (Neyyattinkara taluk) complaining against the neglected condition of the Tirupuram-Nalukettu road; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken upon them?

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